GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:365
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2005
USING OF NATIONAL FLAG
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has withdrawn the restriction on use of the National Flag by the public as a portion of costumes as appeared in The Hindu dated July 7, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to prevent misuse of National Flag?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a): No Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Insult or disrespect to the National Flag is an offence punishable under the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971. The Act, inter-alia, provides that whoever in any public place or in any other place within public view burns, mutilates, defaces, defiles, disfigures, destroys, tramples upon or otherwise shows disrespect to or brings into contempt (whether by words, either spoken or written, or by acts) the Indian National Flag shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.